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1. THE RECORD OF THE UPPER VOLTAN GOVERNMENT REFLECTS A CONSCIOUSNESS OF AND A RESPECT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THOSE IN POWER ACTING TO VIOLATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF PEOPLE THROUGH UNLAWFUL KILLING, ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION, TORTURE, UNFAIR TRIALS, DENIAL OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, RELIGION, OPINION OF EXPRESSION OR ASSOCIATION OR THROUGH DEPRIVATION OF RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THE GOVERNMENT.

2. IN THE UPPER VOLTAN MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY, MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS TRIBAL GROUPS PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EQUALLY IN RESPECT TO CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS, THE ARMED FORCES AND AS RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE AND ALL OTHER BENEFITS OF VOLTAN CITIZENSHIP.

3. THE CONSTITUTION OF UPPER VOLTA WAS SUSPENDED BY THE MILITARY AT THE TIME OF THE COUP D'ETAT. THERE IS PRESENTLY NO CONSTITUTION AND NO INDICATION OF WHEN ONE MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING; THE COUNTRY IS RULED BY DECREE. THE CURRENT PHILOSOPHY OF THE GOUV IS CALLED "RENEWAL" AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO EMBRACE ALL ASPECTS OF VOLTAN LIFE, WHILE ACTIVELY

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SEEKING THE PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF ALL VOLTAN

CITIZENS IN DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY.

4. AT THE OUTSET OF THE MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE,
THERE WERE REPRISALS DIRECTED AGAINST MALIAN CITIZENS RESIDING
IN UPPER VOLTA. NONE OF THESE ACTS WERE OFFICIALLY CONDONED
BY THE GOUV. THE GOVERNMENT POSTURE
THROUGHOUT THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE RESPECT OF
INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR RIGHTS. THERE ARE, IN FACT, STILL
A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MALIANS WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE AND
WORK IN UPPER VOLTA WITHOUT PROBLEM.GRAHAM

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